

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MAPUTO 00813 161823Z

44

ACTION AF-04

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05 CIAE-00

SP-02 L-01 PRS-01 PM-03 DODE-00 EUR-08 /044 W

----- 040362

R 161500Z JUL 76

FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4821

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY LILONGWE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0813

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PGOV, PINS, PINT, MZ

SUBJECT: MACHEL'S ABSENCE AT INAUGURATION OF TAZARA

REF: LUSAKA 1831

1. WHILE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHY MACHEL DID NOT ATTEND TAZARA RAILWAY CELEBRATION AND MAURITIUS OAU MEETING, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE HIS NON-APPEARANCE AT THOSE TWO FUNCTIONS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SECURITY SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO UNUSUAL POLITICAL, MILITARY OR SECURITY ACTIVITIES IN MAPUTO IN RECENT WEEKS. NOR HAVE WE HEARD ANY RUMORS OR REPORTS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS ON MACHEL. IN FACT SINCE JUNE 25 INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, SECURITY AROUND PRESIDENT MACHEL HAS NOT BEEN NOTICABLY HEAVY. FACT THAT MACHEL SPENT SEVERAL DAYS

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MAPUTO 00813 161823Z

IN TANZANIA AT SABA SABA DAY FESTIVITIES INDICATES THAT HE

IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS POSITION AT HOME.

3. RUMORS OF DISSIDENCE IN THE NORTH AMONG MAKONDE IS RATHER COMMONPLACE HERE. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO PROFF THAT ANY TYPE OF INSUGRECTION IS TAKING PLACE. OM CONTRARY, RECENT VISITORS TO THE NORTH (BRITISH EMBOFF AND LOCAL UN OFFICIALS) REPORT FRELIMO IS FIRMLY IN CONTROL THROUGHOUT NORTHERN TIER OF COUNTRY, INCLUDING MAKONDE-DOMINATED CABO DELGADO PROVINCE.

4. FOR LUSAKA:EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING BASIS FOR BRITISH SECURITY OFFICER'S COMMENTS ON MOZAMBIQUE SITUATION.
CARSO
N

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SUMMIT MEETINGS, RAILROADS, INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MAPUTO00813
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760275-0272
From: MAPUTO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760751/aaaabshc.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: 76 LUSAKA 1831
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 JUN 2004 by ElyME>; APPROVED <12 OCT 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MACHEL'S ABSENCE AT INAUGURATION OF TAZARA
TAGS: PGOV, PINS, PINT, MZ, OAU, (MACHEL, SAMORA)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006